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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 First Named Inventor: Smith, Richard S. Application No.: 10/767633 Confirmation No.: 5407 Filed: January 29, 2004 Finishing Compositions with Reduced Volatile Organic Compounds Title: This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 \boxtimes Previously submitted \boxtimes Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on August 9, 2006 i. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. Other iii. Enclosed b. Amendment/Reply i. ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS iii. Other iv. 2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.) The Director is authorized to charge the fees required by 37 CFR § 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed. The RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) will be made at the time of submission via EFS-Web. If necessary, charge any required fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. Respectfully submitted,

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